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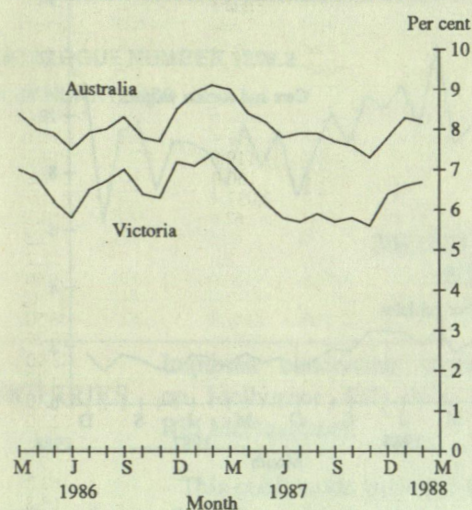
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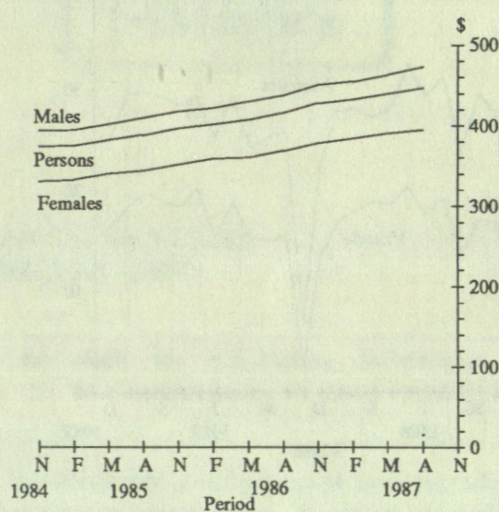
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Feb 88	1,571.6	1,565.6	1,589.3	1,543.2	1,547.5	1.6	5,845.6	2.9
- total	'000	Feb 88	1,926.3	1,913.3	1,969.4	1,927.9	1,887.4	2.1	7,219.1	3.2
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Feb 88	105.6	108.3	101.8	88.9	119.8	-11.9	519.8	-10.6
- total	'000	Feb 88	138.4	134.5	133.6	115.1	150.0	-7.7	642.8	-8.1
Labour force	'000	Feb 88	2,064.6	2,047.8	2,103.0	2,043.0	2,037.4	1.3	7,861.9	2.1
Participation rate	per cent	Feb 88	62.4	61.9	63.7	62.0	62.6	-0.3	62.3	0.2
Unemployment rate	per cent	Feb 88	6.7	6.6	6.4	5.6	7.4	-9.5	8.2	-9.9
Job vacancies	'000	Nov 87	11.3	16.5	17.6	18.0	12.8	-11.7	52.2	0.6
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Nov 87	1.69	1.45	1.41	1.38	1.40	20.7	1.46	13.2
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	Aug 87	447.10	440.00	432.50	427.70	415.60	7.6	444.50	6.1
Males	\$	Aug 87	472.80	463.60	454.60	450.30	437.50	8.1	470.70	6.0
Females	\$	Aug 87	394.50	390.50	384.10	378.30	368.30	7.1	388.90	7.0
All employees total earnings	\$	Aug 87	395.40	394.20	391.70	388.50	374.80	5.5	393.20	5.2
Males	\$	Aug 87	454.50	451.10	447.80	446.70	429.50	5.8	458.10	4.8
Females	\$	Aug 87	311.70	311.90	307.90	301.00	294.50	5.8	302.30	6.9
CONSUMER PRICES (a)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100)-										
Food	index	Dec qr 87	164.9	164.1	160.5	160.2	158.9	3.8	162.2	4.0
Clothing	index	Dec qr 87	163.6	158.8	157.3	151.8	151.3	8.1	163.8	7.6
Housing	index	Dec qr 87	183.9	183.4	180.1	176.9	173.9	5.8	174.4	6.9
Household equipment & operation	index	Dec qr 87	173.1	169.8	166.7	163.0	161.3	7.3	171.4	6.9
Transportation	index	Dec qr 87	181.4	174.7	171.0	169.9	164.5	10.3	186.7	8.6
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Dec qr 87	190.1	186.8	184.8	181.2	176.8	7.5	195.9	8.7
Health & personal care	index	Dec qr 87	177.7	173.4	172.8	168.5	164.1	8.3	168.4	9.6
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Dec qr 87	152.7	152.1	149.1	146.8	142.1	7.5	149.5	7.5
All groups	index	Dec qr 87	174.5	171.6	168.6	166.0	162.9	7.1	172.9	7.1
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)	\$m	Dec 87	1,875.9	1,329.5	1,357.7	1,271.1	1,267.0	48.1	7,008.3	9.0
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Dec 87	34	35	36	41	33	3.0	145	8.2
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Dec 87	265	297	336	306	236	12.3	1,194	11.3
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Dec 87	37,499	36,718	35,526	40,579	32,573	15.1	59,052	7.3
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Dec 87	2,153	3,129	3,376	3,038	3,505	-38.6	2,950	-17.1
Cars & station wagons	'000	Dec 87	16.4	18.4	19.7	19.0	13.4	22.4	25.1	11.6
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Dec 87	797	780	1,143	1,068	617	29.2	1,579	15.3
- Wool	tonnes	Dec 87	978	1,492	1,502	1,551	1,262	-22.5	1,424	-16.6
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Dec 87	1,309	1,554	2,040	1,716	1,401	-6.6	2,582	5.2
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Dec 87	214	333	348	327	255	-16.1	775	8.8
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Dec 87	6,461	7,180	7,477	7,579	6,363	1.5	13,048	7.2
Electricity	million kWh	Dec 87	2,897	2,771	2,848	2,760	2,292	26.4	11,021	6.5
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Nov 87	1,264.2	1,148.9	1,122.9	1,073.4	1,194.0	5.9	3,516.8	35.8
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Dec 87	902.6	693.8	693.4	625.8	689.5	30.9	3,667.8	34.4
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Jan 88	1,813	2,555	2,479	2,659	1,758	3.1	7,877	28.2
New other residential building	No.	Jan 88	443	392	411	379	319	38.9	2,368	43.8
Value of all building	\$m	Jan 88	401.4	419.0	637.4	432.4	336.9	19.1	1,462.0	30.0
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Sep qr 87	6,110	6,860	6,670	7,310	6,860	-10.9	23,550	0.9
Value of new houses	\$m	Sep qr 87	435.7	470.4	451.6	473.1	445.4	-2.2	1,503.8	8.5
New other residential buildings	No.	Sep qr 87	1,070	1,143	1,097	1,236	1,360	-21.3	7,383	-2.6
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Sep qr 87	57.3	54.2	52.7	58.6	58.2	-1.5	405.0	11.0
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Sep qr 87	716.3	661.1	548.0	378.1	880.2	-18.6	2,583.4	-9.8
Value of all building	\$m	Sep qr 87	1,312.1	1,283.0	1,141.2	1,008.2	1,469.2	-10.7	4,810.9	-1.5
Value of work done in period	\$m	Sep qr 87	1,391.8	1,366.1	1,131.2	1,180.9	1,212.8	14.8	5,091.3	12.2
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS (c) -										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Dec 87	113.9	112.9	111.1	110.6	105.4	8.1	112.9	7.0
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Dec 87	192.2	190.2	187.9	186.0	176.9	8.6	196.2	9.1
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Dec 87	12,872	7,343	11,151	11,247	8,303	55.0	44,538	16.9
Other motor vehicles(excl motor cycles)	No.	Dec 87	11,103	6,204	9,431	9,710	7,106	56.2	36,991	17.3
Motor cycles	No.	Dec 87	1,769	1,139	1,720	1,537	1,197	47.8	7,547	15.3
	No.	Dec 87	448	217	384	278	370	21.1	1,895	-7.5
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Jan 88	20,221	20,754	20,190	20,076	17,579	15.0	56,910	24.6
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Jan 88	5,198	5,708	5,595	5,540	4,639	12.1	18,296	16.3
Fixed deposits	\$m	Jan 88	7,595	7,689	7,927	7,686	8,018	-5.3	28,824	-1.9
Advances	\$m	Jan 88	16,747	15,110	15,229	15,008	13,337	25.6	47,572	8.3
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Jan 88	29,869	35,189	33,585	34,189	23,340	28.0	129,707	29.4
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Dec 87	499.6	421.4	416.6	420.3	361.2	38.3	1,729.9	51.6
Savings banks	\$m	Dec 87	380.7	303.9	313.8	316.7	300.5	26.7	1,194.7	45.7
Trading banks	\$m	Dec 87	44.4	34.1	25.9	37.6	24.1	84.2	198.3	104.4
Permanent building societies	\$m	Dec 87	55.9	65.9	58.6	46.2	21.0	166.2	261.7	66.3
Other lenders	\$m	Dec 87	18.7	17.6	18.3	19.8	15.7	19.1	75.2	12.6
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,607	1,260	1,690	1,597	1,454	17.3	6,106	14.7
Finance	\$m	Jun qr 87	571	443	612	599	528	16.7	1,535	2.5
New building and structures	\$m	Jun qr 87	637	519	646	645	577	15.8	2,418	32.7
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Jun qr 87	422	295	387	430	378	43.9	1,903	18.0
	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,185	965	1,303	1,166	1,076	10.8	4,203	13.3

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

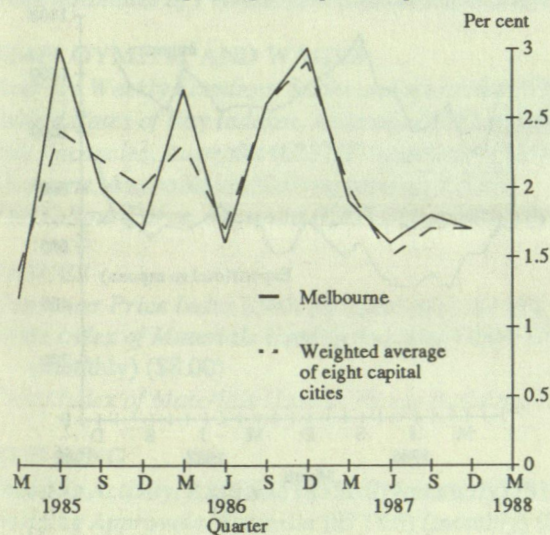
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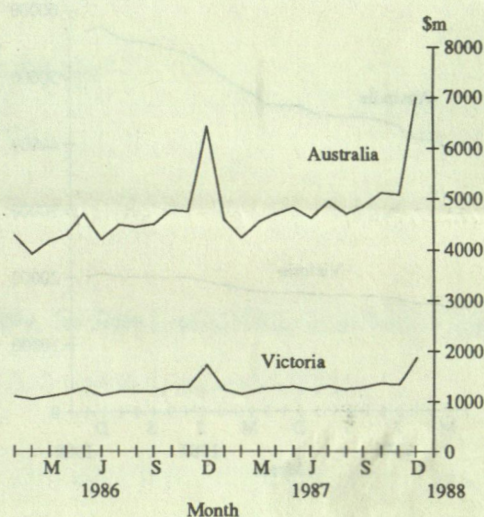
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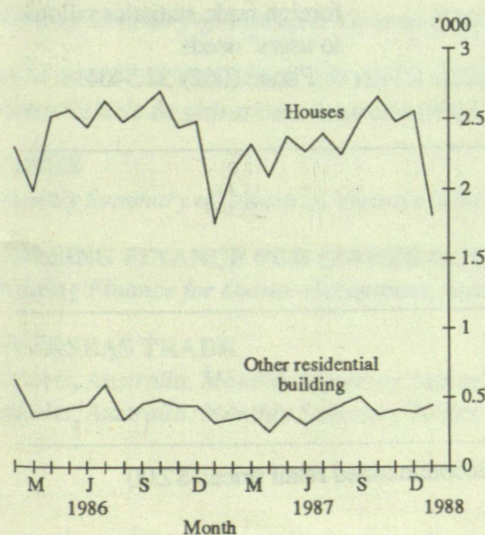
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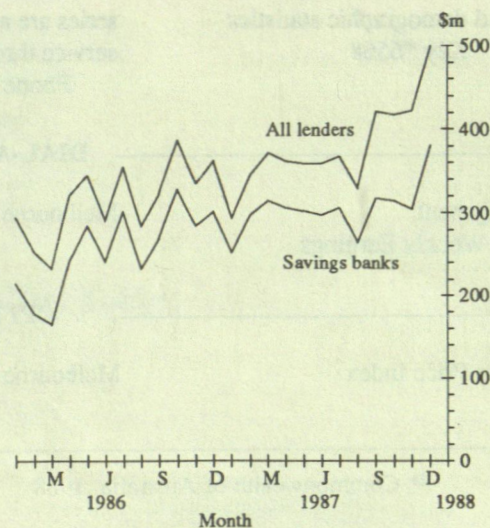
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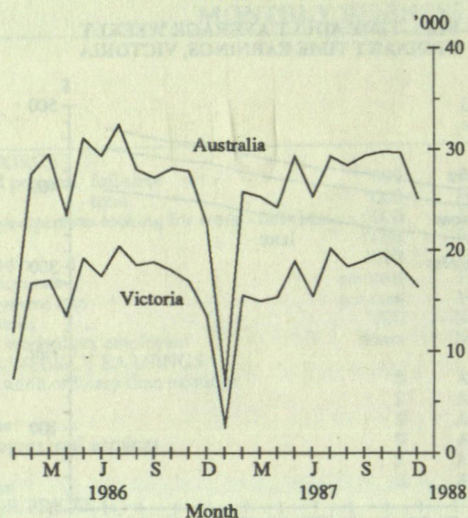
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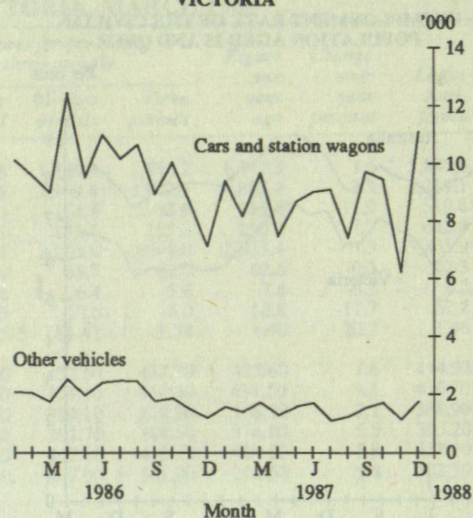
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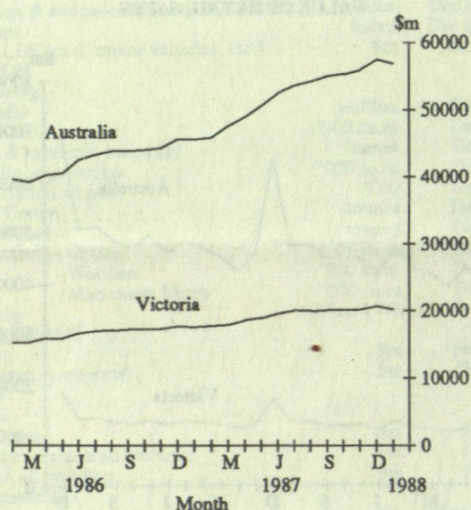
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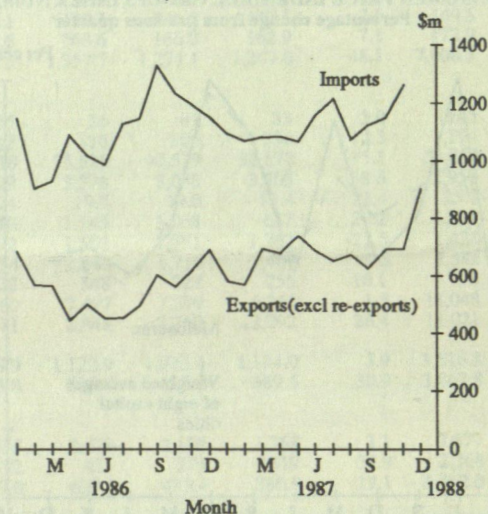
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